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DEATHS IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the mine-wise details of persons died while working in coal mines during the year 2004-2005 up to June, 2005 and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the deaths of these persons were caused due to lapse in safety norms;and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such accidents in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : The mine-wise details of persons died in coal mine accidents in the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited and in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) during the period April 2004 to June 2005 and the reasons of the accidents are given at the Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(b) : Accidents in coal mines take place due to n on-implementation of safety measures or due to human error/negligence.

(c) : To avoid recurrence of such accidents in future and to improve the status of safety in mines, following steps have been taken by the coal companies :-

Thrust on training and retraining of workmen, supervisors and managers to increase safety awareness.

Issue of guidelines for safer operations in identified thrust areas through circulars.

Promoting participation of workers in safety management.

Promoting self regulation by management.

Tri-partite and Bi-partite review of safety status at various levels.

Observance of safety week and safety campaigns.

Generating safety awareness and information dissemination.

National Conference on Safety in Mines.

National Safety Awards.

Interactions at different forums with a view to promote safety, health and welfare of persons employed in mines.

Introduction to the concept of Risk Assessment,preparation of Safety Management Plan and development of Emergency Response System.Facilitating introduction of new technology in mining with low potential risk.